Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Yes.

(b) Out of an excess grant of about Rs. 32,000 for 1102, nearly Rs. 14,000 is on account of works that used to be provided for in other departmental budgets.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Answer (b)—I do not follow the point "excess grant of Rs. 32,000". What is it that is meant by "excess grant"?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The allotment for the last year is one lakh and eleven thousand. The allotment for 1102 is one lakh and 43 thousand. Thus there is an excess of grant, of nearly Rs. 32,000 over last year's amount.

President.—That explains the excess under reference.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So the Panchayats proper have received only 18 thousand rupees.

President.—Where has the rest gone? The excess of Rs. 14,000 is transferred to the Panchayats from Public Works and other Departments. The Panchayats proper gets all these amounts. The excess amount is an addition to the Panchayats. After all, this excess of Rs. 14,000 was used to be provided in other departments for doing works which are now done by the Panchayats. Certain works which are now done by the Panchayats were being done by the Public Works, Sanitation and other Departments.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So other works were also transferred to the Panchayats.

President.—The Panchayats now get altogether this one lakh and 42 thousand rupees.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The two figures 14,000 and 18,000 may be shown separately, as they are misleading otherwise. Because it is said in the question "that the allotment for Panchayats has been substantially increased."

President.—Substantial increase means that there is an addition when compared with the previous year, as other works were also transferred to the Panchayats from other departments. If you want that also to be referred to, I can only say that it is left to the discretion of the authorities concerned.

The presentation of a medal to Dr. Verghese.

85. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that strenuous attempts are being made to collect money to present a medal to Dr. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer on behalf of the people of Cochin?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

86. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that a Government servant is the

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chief organiser of this function, and that certain Police Officers are actively working for this?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

87. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if a Government servant can raise money by public subscription without Government sanction, and can Police Officers and other officials of other departments do so without sanction?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

88. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—If the answer to the last question is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state if it has allowed Mr. Karuppan, a Government servant, to collect and organise a function in honour to Dr. Verghese and Police and other officials to work for this?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

89. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that the public of Cochin feel that this function is being organised with the sympathy and knowledge of the Government, and that certain Heads of Departments including the Commissioner of Police are working for this under Government advice?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—On a point of information, Sir. Answers to questions 85 to 89 are simply "No's". The answers as they stand, would seem to refer to the first part of the question "Will the Government be pleased to state". It seems to me to be a grammatical mistake in the construction of the question and answer.

Mr Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I don't see any want of grammar in the reply "No". As regards "Will the Government be pleased to state", it is only a courteous way of putting the question. The Government is always pleased to answer questions. I thought it was the sense that should be taken and not the grammar.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I do not think we should be so very hyper-critical.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—The question is perfectly right grammatically.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Another thing is that, so far as question 85 is concerned, they say they are not aware. But in question 86, they say it is not a fact. So there is inconsistency in the answer.

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The question is whether it is aware, and the answer is "No." In the second question, the answer "No" refers to "If it is a fact". So there is no inconsistency.

President.—You must leave off the first portion of the question. It is only a courteous way of putting questions, and then take the remaining portion of the question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—"Will the Government be pleased to state, if it is aware"? How can they deny a point which they are not aware?

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I beg to point out that the words "streneous attempts" are there.

President.—Mr. Nunez, they are aware that the attempts are not strenous.

90. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—If the answer to the previous question is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state clearly its attitude in the matter? If the answer is in the negative, in view of the public belief, will the Government be pleased to openly disown all connections with the organisation of the medal presentation?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The question does not arise.

91. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that voluntary subscription, when sought for by responsible officers, becomes to the general public, obligatory contribution?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is a hypothetical question to which the Government do not propose to give an answer.

The Kottallore murder case.

92. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the acquittal of the accuseds by the new acting District and Sessions Judge of Anjikaimal in the sensational Kottallore murder case;

(2) whether one of the prominent accused who escaped from the State was kept under custody at Colombo, at the instance of the Cochin Police, pending extradition proceedings;

(3) whether for want of extradition proceedings within the due period, the accused was not let off, and whether he is not at large even now; who is responsible for not sending the warrant in time;

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